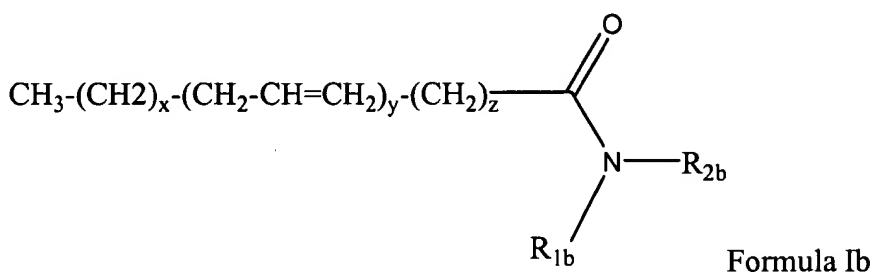


Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new paragraphs after the last paragraph on page 15 and before the first paragraph on page 16:

Compounds for use according to the invention, include but are not limited to, compounds of Formula Ib:



wherein R_{1b} and R_{2b} are each H or $(\text{CH}_2)_p(\text{R}_{4b}\text{CH})_q(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{R}_{3b}$, wherein p, q and r are each an integer of from 0 to 10, preferably 1 to 4; and R_{3b} is OH, SH, CH_3 , $\text{CH}=\text{CH}_2$, $\text{C}\equiv\text{CH}$, $\text{C}\equiv\text{N}$, F, Cl, Br or I, preferably OH, SH or F, more preferably OH; R_{4b} is H or $(\text{CH}_2)_s\text{CH}_3$, wherein s is an integer from 0 to 10, preferably 0 to 4; provided that $p+q+r+s$ is less than or equal to 10, preferably less than or equal to 4, preferably one of R_{1a} and R_{2b} is H and the other of R_{1a} and R_{2b} is $(\text{CH}_2)_p(\text{R}_{4b}\text{CH})_q(\text{CH}_2)_r\text{R}_{3b}$;

x is an integer of from 0 to 18, preferably 2 to 5;

y is an integer of from 0 to 8, preferably 2 to 4; and

z is an integer of from 0 to 18, preferably 2 to 5.

Non-limiting examples of the compounds represented by Formula (Ib) which can be employed in the present invention include the following:

arachidonylethanolamide

arachidonylethanethiolamide

arachidonylfluoroethylamide

7,10,13,16-docosatetraenylethanolamide

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arachidonylpropanolamide

8, 11, 14-eicosatrienylethanolamide

Palmatidylethanolamide,

4,7,10,13,16,19-Docosahexaenylethanolamide

Arachidylfluoroethylamide

Arachidonylamide

Arachidonyl-1-methyl-ethanolamide

Arachidonyl-2-methyl-ethanolamide,

Gamma-linolenylethanolamide,

Linoleylethanolamide